

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, January 5, 1993**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning and Community Development - Dave Hough, Acting Director.

- 1) Comprehensive Planning Program Update.
- 2) Discussion - Update on Cypress Island Natural Resources Conservancy Area Plan Development.
- 3) Annual Code Enforcement Report.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- 1) Resolution - Appointment of New Prosecuting Attorney.
- 2) Resolution - Recognizing Exiting County Commissioners.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Harvey Wolden, and Robby Robinson present.

**PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DAVE HOUGH, ACTING DIRECTOR.**

1) Comprehensive Planning Program Update.

Gary Christensen, Senior Planner, reviewed with the Board that the Growth Management Act (GMA) Implementation is now in its third year and is due to be adopted in July, 1993. Mr. Christensen provided a flow chart explaining the Element Development Process of the Comprehensive Plan, a 1993 meeting schedule of the Element Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings, two Skagit County Department of Planning and Community Development Newsletters that provide information regarding the Comprehensive Plan Policies, Definition of the Elements, Element Policies; CAC's for the Elements and their members; and a brochure that provides an overview of the GMA.

Mr. Christensen stated that the next items to be addressed are: the Capital Facilities Element, Urban Growth issues with the Cities, Land Use, and the Transportation Element. Also, discussions will be held regarding SEPA, bringing all the elements together by the July deadline, and how to integrate it all with GMA.

Chairman Hart stated that the Capital Facilities Element would affect impact and mitigation fees and asked whether there were any interim provisions.

Mr. Christensen said that there are no set impact fees in the County. The cities of Burlington and Sedro-Woolley have voluntary impact fees.

Chairman Hart stated that most developments are paying impact fees.

Mr. Hough stated that traffic studies are required in developments. Schools, Fire Service, etc. will not be addressed until the Capital Improvement Program is in place.

Jim Freeman, Senior Planner Resource Planning, stated that Traffic and Sewer are the main concerns of impact on areas of development.

Mr. Hough stated that discussions will be held regarding the Short Range Planning area remaining in the Planning Department, and which responsibilities will be handled by which staff members.

Commissioner Robinson stated that the State legislature is determining whether to change, add to, or extend the timeline requirements of Comprehensive Plan and GMA.

Dave Hough stated that technically, when the State requires Counties to perform in a certain manner, funding should be provided. But this is a hopeful attitude.

Commissioner Wolden felt that efforts should be directed to holding back State mandates if there are no funds provided to implement them.

The Planning Staff will continue to update the Board on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan Program.

2) Discussion - Update on Cypress Island Natural Resources Conservancy Area (NRCA) Plan Development.

Kraig Olason, Assistant Planning Director, provided introductory pages of the Cypress Island Management Plan Draft to familiarize the new Board members with the Plan development.

Mr. Olason introduced George Shelton, Department of Natural Resources, to the Board. Mr. Shelton explained that after the Plan is reviewed for Statewide policy compliance it will go out for public review. Cypress Island was selected as a NRCA as it is the largest undeveloped island in the San Juans. Large portions of land were available to be purchased by DNR, and they now own more than 90% of the island. He said that critical habitats are to be preserved and protected. Mr. Olason felt that the NRCA development had been following a thorough process. Public meetings will be held to review the draft document after being submitted to federal, state, tribal, and local agencies for review. The final document will also be reviewed by federal, state, tribal, and local agencies prior to adoption. The NRCA Statewide Advisory Committee will also review the document. After the adoption of the Plan, it will be reviewed on a five-year cycle by the DNR, the Statewide Advisory Committee and the public to reassess the possibility of addressing current management issues.

Mr. Olason will keep the Board updated on the NRCA development as it progresses.

3) Annual Code Enforcement Report.

The Annual Code Enforcement Report was presented to the Board.

4) Miscellaneous.

No Miscellaneous items were presented at this time.

**RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF NEW PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.**

Stephanie Wood, Administrative Coordinator, stated that a letter had been received from Morgan Witt, Chairman of the Republican Central Committee officially nominating Dave Needy and Gerald Osborn for the position of Skagit County Prosecutor.

Chairman Hart read the letter from Mr. Witt into the record. Mr. Needy was nominated at the first preferred candidate and Mr. Osborn the second preferred candidate. Attempts to obtain a third nomination for the position were unsuccessful.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the nomination of Dave Needy as Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney, effective January 11, 1993. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14701).

**RESOLUTION - RECOGNIZING EXITING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the resolutions honoring Commissioner's Ruth Wylie and Bill Vaux as prepared and presented by Stephanie Wood, Administrative Coordinator.

- A) Commissioner Robinson read into record a resolution honoring departing Commissioner Ruth Wylie. This resolution is on file with the Skagit County Commissioner's documents. (Resolution #14702).
- B) Chairman Hart read into record, a resolution honoring retiring Commissioner Bill Vaux. This resolution is on file with the Skagit County Commissioner's documents. (Resolution #14703).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wolden motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

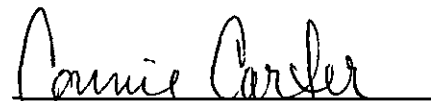
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